

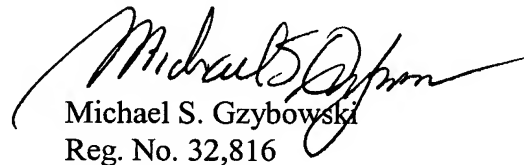
REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS •

The present Supplemental Amendment adds claims 176-178 (renumbered herein as 124-126) that were canceled from patent application serial no. 09/743,079.

Entry of the present Supplemental Amendment and an early examination of the present application are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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